

What is claimed is:

1. A method for scheduling appointments comprising:
  - sending a task request from a client to a server system, said task request including patient identification and resource identification;
  - determining whether schedules associated with said patient identification and resource identification are stored in local memory to said server system;
  - loading said associated patient schedule and resource schedule from a database into said local memory;
  - determining available times for said resource schedule at said server system.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining step begins from a start timestamp provided in said task request for a period of time.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein said determining step moves to a next period of time if not available times for said resource schedule are found.
4. The method of claim 2 wherein after said determining step, at least one available time is transmitted from the server to the client.
5. A system for scheduling appointments comprising:
  - a server system adapted to receive a task request from a client, said server system including local memory and said task request including patient identification and resource

1 identification, such that schedules associated with said patient identification and resource  
2 identification are loaded into said local memory from a database so as to determine available  
3 times for said resource schedule at said server system.

1 6. The system of claim 5 further comprising:  
2 a client coupled to said server system via a transmission medium.

1 7. The system of claim 6 further comprising:  
a database coupled to said server system.

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